

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
June 16, 2005

Board Members: *Larry Swift, Chair (District #9)*
 Pat Clothier (District #2)
 Rita Reandeau (District #6)
 Allie "AJ" Joiner (District #7)
 Duane Sommers (District #5)

Absent: *Holly Parker-Jensen (District #1)*
 Bonnie Decker (District #4)
 Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)

Guests: *Rick Hauan, Assistant Superintendent*
 Chuck McCarthy, Financial Operations Administrator
 Lori Scheer-Matheson, WPEA
 James West, WSDAA
 Dana Pride, Federation

Superintendent: *Todd Reeves*

Legal Counsel: *Bonnie Terada*

Recorder: *Judy Smith*

Interpreters: *Sarah Campbell, Don Coates*

The meeting was called to order by Larry Swift, Chair, at 9:23 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Allie Joiner will be submitting her letter of registration from the Board as she has moved out of the district she represents.

Allie announced that the Superintendent gave a wonderful presentation at the recent WSAD Conference.

Minutes from May 21, 2005 meeting

Duane Sommers moved to approve the May 21, 2005, Board meeting minutes. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee (Pat Clothier) – The Budget Committee met this morning and WSD is right on track fiscally.

Report on Governor's Leadership Conference (Todd Reeves)

The Superintendent presented at the May 20th Governor's Leadership Conference using the "GMAP" powerpoint. The presentation was well received.

Policy Adoption

Change: Identify on the "draft" policy whether it is a "1st Reading, 2nd Reading
 ➤ *Nutrition and Physical Fitness*

- Duane Sommers moved the “Nutrition and Physical Fitness” policy be adopted. Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.
- **Receipt of Negotiables**
 - Pat Clothier moved that the “Receipt of Negotiables” policy be adopted. Duane Sommers seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.
- **Pesticide Notification, Posting and Record Keeping**
 - Duane Sommers moved that the “Pesticide Notification, Posting and Record Keeping” policy be adopted. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved
- **First Reading: Policy Adoption and Administrative Procedures**
 - The above policy will be voted on at the next Board of Trustees meeting.
 - The Teachers’ Association members were very appreciative that the Board acted on their request and developed this policy.

Election of 2005/2006 officers

The 2005/2006 officers of the WSD Board of Trustees were nominated and voted on as follows:

- **Board Chair** (effective July 1, 2005)
 - Pat Clothier nominated Sidney Weldele-Wallace as Board Chair. Duane Sommers seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.
- **Vice Chair** (effective July 1, 2005)
 - Pat Clothier nominated Duane Sommers as Vice Chair. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved

Establishing summer Board meeting schedule

Duane Sommers moved that the Board suspend their July and August meetings with the stipulation that members will be available for phone/video conference meetings if the need arises. Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved with one opposed.

Reports on Comparative Study for the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind as required by the 2005 Legislature

The Superintendent met with Annie Pennucci and Hannah Lidman of the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (IPP) on June 6th. That meeting was a general introductory meeting covering various topics, one of which included the different educational methods used for Deaf versus blind students. The study will include how WSD and WSSB compare to services in public schools and also how WSD and WSSB compare to each other. The complexity of obtaining financial data (WSD contrasted with public schools) was also discussed at this meeting.

(Handout) Email and backup information from Annie Pennucci. The requested information is due to IPP by mid-July.

What information would the Board like submitted to the IPP study? The Superintendent’s Position Paper is an excellent source of information for the

study. Questions framed that are currently not asked by policy makers – listing of unmet needs of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing children. Need to answer the questions “How can the state schools configure services to complement and support local public schools” and “Which state agency should have responsibility and oversight of WSD and WSB?”

Western States Basketball Classic (WSBC) (Larry Cole, Residential Program Supervisor/Athletic Director and Ron Spratlen, Assistant Athletic Director)

WSD will be hosting the 2006 WSBC competition (February 1-4, 2005). Committees have been set up to organize this event.

Budget – Each participating school pays \$2,500 but an additional \$10-12,000 is still needed. Several fundraisers are planned including a Christmas Bazaar and Silent Auction.

Many of the schools involved in the competition are much larger than WSD. The California Schools for the Deaf are not allowed to use 8th graders on their teams or compete against teams that include 8th graders. WIAA, the athletic association regulating high school interscholastic athletics in Washington, allows WSD to have 8th graders compete. Therefore, the California and Arizona schools won't compete against WSD unless WSD prohibits its 8th graders from playing. New Mexico School for the Deaf has dropped out of WSBC due to the 8th grade restriction. The question of whether WSD should continue in this tournament or pull out and work with smaller schools to establish another tournament was discussed. The Board encourages WSD to pursue other opportunities for competition outside of WSBC.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:34 a.m. until 12:05 p.m. to discuss individual student and personnel issues with the Superintendent. The meeting reopened at 12:05 p.m.

Adjournment

Pat Clothier moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.